

HONORING JUDY LACHVAYDER,
RECIPIENT OF A 1999 TEACHER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judy Lachvayder, a science teacher at Parma Senior High School in Parma, Ohio, and recipient of a 1999 Ohio Teacher Achievement Award. Ms. Lachvayder is one of ten Ohio teachers to be honored by the Ashland Oil Company for her exceptional accomplishments in teaching.

Judy Lachvayder is an enthusiastic and inspiring teacher. She has three personal teaching principles—know your subject, keep alive, and be inspired. Lachvayder does all these things, and does them well. First, she possesses great knowledge in the subject of science. She is a former Christa McAuliffe grant recipient; a two-time participant in the Human Genome Project; a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship to study neurobiology at Princeton University; an Access Excellence Fellow; and a recent participant in the "Forging a Link" conference of the National Science Foundation. She follows her second principle, "Keep Alive", by staying current with her subject matter and through personal self-discovery and growth. And finally, she stays inspired by challenging her students to get excited about science and to think critically.

Lachvayder says, "Just as new pathways were opened for us by various explorers, teachers help to open new pathways of exploration for their students."

Lachvayder encourages her students to become independent learners with the ability to think both critically and creatively. Her caring and devoted style of teaching is an inspiration.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in honoring Judy Lachvayder on her receipt of the 1999 Ohio Teacher Achievement Award.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Guam village of Mangilao on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Mayorship for the municipality. I would also like to pay tribute to four men who, through the past five decades, have devoted and dedicated a substantial portion of their lives towards service to the island of Guam and the village of Mangilao. The Honorable Jesus Cruz Pereira, the Honorable Jesus dela Rosa Santos, the Honorable Nicolas Duenas Francisco, and the Honorable Nonito C. Blas are men who have made great contributions to the progress, growth and development of the village of Mangilao.

Mangilao's first mayor, the Honorable Jesus C. Pereira was born in Hagatna, Guam on November 13, 1920—the son of Manuel Delgado and Josepha Leon Guerrero Cruz Pereira. He was educated at the Guam Institute and the Edmund S. Root Agricultural School and

worked as a civil service employee for the United States Navy. In 1944, he enlisted in the Navy and served through 1950.

Having been instrumental in the development of Mangilao into a separate municipality which was formerly part of the village of Barrigada, Mayor Pereira holds the distinction of having been elected as the first mayor to serve the village of Mangilao. His service commencing in 1950, the mayor went on to serve a total of 16 years in this post. During his tenure, he directed Mangilao's growth from a community of 700 to a full fledged village of 3,000 residents. In addition, Mayor Pereira played a vital role in the establishment of facilities for the University of Guam, the Guam Community College and the Department of Public Health and Social Services within his village. Holding seniority over the men who have served as Mangilao village mayors, Mayor Pereira, to this day, continues to offer assistance and advice to the residents and leadership of the village of Mangilao.

In 1968, the Honorable Jesus dela Rosa Santos became the second man to be elected mayor of Mangilao. He took office at a crucial time in the village's development. Mayor Santos immediately became his constituency's link to the Government of Guam enabling Mangilao to gain government services and basic infrastructure such as power, water and roads which were unavailable at the time. In addition, he was known for going above and beyond the prescribed duties of his office—dedicating his time and personal funds to needy constituents. As mayor, he was instrumental in enhancing public awareness to Federal Welfare Assistance and other programs designed to benefit eligible constituents.

Born in Hagatna on November 16, 1923, Mayor Santos grew up in the village of Mongmong. He graduated from George Washington High School shortly after the end of the Second World War and commenced government service with the Records and Account Office. He was later employed by the Department of Land Management for sixteen years prior to his election as Mayor.

After the end of his tenure as mayor in 1972, Mayor Santos worked in the private sector, initially for Ricky's Auto Company and later, in 1973, for Citibank. Although he retired in 1984, he has been active in the area of agriculture and is known for imparting his knowledge of the traditional ways of farming and raising livestock. He remains a valued member of the community and has always been willing to contribute towards the benefit of the village of Mangilao.

The Honorable Nicolas Duenas Francisco was born in the village of Mangilao on September 12, 1945—the son of Joaquin Cabrera Francisco and Angustia Tenorio Duenas. Popularly known as "Nick," Mayor Francisco attended Price Elementary and San Vicente Middle School and graduated in 1964 from Tumon High School now known as John F. Kennedy High School. Prior to enlisting in the United States Army in 1966, he worked as an apprentice at an air engineering company, as a community worker for the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and as a youth counselor in the Juvenile Justice Division of the Superior Court of Guam. Nick served during the Vietnam War. In recognition of his valor and distinguished service, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

In 1972, he successfully ran for Mayor of Mangilao. He went on to win re-elections for three consecutive terms. As mayor, he was able to secure over 2 million dollar's worth of capital improvement projects for his village. His many accomplishments include the construction of a baseball field, the establishment of the Mangilao Senior Citizens' Center, the completion of over fifty paved roadways, and the naming of over 200 streets within the village of Mangilao.

He served as mayor until 1987 when he was appointed Deputy Director of Civil Defense/Guam Emergency Services Office by then Governor Joseph F. Ada. In addition to his continued involvement with the Guam Babe Ruth Baseball League and the Kiwanis Club, he continues to provide service to the community to this day as a Legislative Aide to the Honorable Mark Forbes, member of the Liheslaturan Guahan.

The current mayor of Mangilao, the Honorable Nonito C. Blas was born in Hagatna. Known to many as "Nito," Mayor Blas attended Asan and Agana Elementary School before graduating from George Washington High School in 1957. He went on to enlist in the United States Navy. He served for 24 years and retired in 1980 at the rank of chief yeoman.

Upon his retirement from the Navy, Nito returned to Guam and worked as an alternative sentencing officer for the Superior Court of Guam. In 1988, he was appointed by then Governor Ada to serve in the vacated Mangilao mayor seat. In 1989, Nito was elected to the position which he has held for the past eleven years.

Upon taking office, Mayor Blas continued his predecessor's commitment to capital improvement projects. His efforts have resulted in the repair and installation of guardrails along village roads, installation of street signs, flood control projects, sewer improvement projects, hazard elimination projects and the construction of community and recreational facilities.

A member of several local civil organizations, Mayor Blas has been a very active member of the community. He has made substantial contributions towards the enhancement of youth activities and senior citizens programs in the village of Mangilao. As with his predecessors, Mayor Blas should be commended for his outstanding job in fostering the growth and successfully handling the rapid population expansion and ethnic diversity of Guam's cultural and population centers.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the mayorship of the village of Mangilao, I congratulate the residents of this marvelous community and commend the remarkable mayors who, for the past fifty years, have labored, led and contributed to the growth and development of the village of Mangilao.

HONORING A MEMBER OF THE AD
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HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of Architectural Digest's top one hundred interior designers and architects for the year of 2000. The